

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OF
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
COAC Global Supply Chain Subcommittee
Chair: Jim Phillips, General Motors
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Beyond The Border Initiative

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) continued to provide updates and engage in dialogue with the subcommittee regarding the Beyond the Border initiative between the USA and Canada.

Data Harmonization:

The focus of this topic has been on an “In Transit” pilot for truck trips that enter and leave Canada and the US in route to a destination in the originating country. Although most support the proposed pilot one item that requires additional discussion and resolution is the inclusion of value as a data element.

Peace Bridge Pre-inspection Pilot:

Data continues to be gathered on the pilot. It is noted that in addition to automation it is clear that personnel on the bridge, that help manage traffic, add significant value.

The Canada-U.S. Border Fee Study:

COAC and CBP discussed ideas regarding ability for carriers to automate the process of paying user fees, in advance, with something like pay.gov. One suggestion was to consider something like E-ZPass® where a bill is sent to crossing parties that don't have an E-ZPass® decal.

21st Century Border Initiative

CBP also continued to provide updates and engage the subcommittee in dialogue regarding the 21st Century Border Initiative between the USA and Mexico. Projects include the Front of the Line Privileges Pilot at Isleta Saragossa with Mexican Customs and Single Manifest for Rail. A more detailed briefing is expected prior to the next COAC meeting.

Other

Free and Secure Trade (FAST) and BRASS:

CBP confirmed that ACE Free and Secure Trade (FAST) and Border Release Advance Screening and Selectivity (BRASS) programming would be nearly transparent to the trade when it is moved to the current ACE environment. If needed, discussions will be arranged with the trade.

ACAS:

The ACAS Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) is currently being drafted and going through the government review process. It is difficult to predict when the document will be published.